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## NEW YEAR'S MAXIMS

The following maxims will be well worth remembering and acted upon by every man-jack of "yers" for there is a whole pile of truth and wisdom in them. If acted upon conscientiously we will sure have a different and a bigger Cayley the end of 1911:

Don't sit around and knock your town. Any dumb-head can be a knocker; but it's a wise-head that does his level best to build up his town. If the town doesn't suit you—get out!

The town is just as good as the man who knocks it.

Every town is just what its citizens want it to be.

A desire on the part of a people for a better town and a larger town is a prayer that is always answered—that is, if you work for it as well as pray.

The advantages of one town over another are the results of the people rather than natural conditions.

What do you think of it?  
It's up to YOU!

## Pioneer Girls of the Canadian Prairie

BY ONE OF THEM

The following article is copied from the Liverpool (Eng.) Courier and is from the pen of the young daughter of Capt. Eversham of Parkland, and gives some very interesting details of prairie and pioneer life by One of Them:

Among the Great topics of the day is that of emigration, and the word emigration brings before one's mind the idea of a newly-discovered country awaiting the advent of men and women (and children, too) to carve out homes for themselves, and turn to account whatever resources this country may possess. All this may be summed up in one word, that magic word "Pioneering," and the adventurous spirits who undertake this useful work in the world are known as pioneers.

Everybody is not cut out for a pioneer. The life is a rough one, generally fraught with hardships and dangers, and only those in the best of health and willing to give up all but the barest necessities and adapt themselves to whatever conditions they may find should attempt it. In the short space allotted to me I shall try to set before you a certain class of pioneer as related to a certain country being rapidly "opened up" to civilisation—"Pioneer Girls of the Canadian Prairies."

Before considering these brave young things themselves, let me describe to you the surroundings in which they are placed, for this will give you a better idea of the young creatures themselves, their manners, customs, their work, recreations, and ultimate destiny in life: and in what I am about to tell you I must ask you to keep in mind the fact that all my remarks apply to the generality of girls, and are in no wise meant to refer to individuals.

The prairie is a vast undulating plain, broken by coulees and buttes, treeless and riverless for the most part, and covered with

short grass and multitudes of flowers. Here and there is a spring, water hole, slough, mud-hole, inhabited by wild ducks and geese. These, together with prairie chickens, coyotes, badgers, weasels, gophers, different birds, and small snakes, consist of the wild stock, and as you approach the foothills you are frequently visited by the picky porcupine and mountain rat. This vast plain which is visible to the naked eye for hundreds of miles, used to be the home of the wild cattle, buffaloes, cowboys, and Indians, but these have all been driven away, and in their stead we have the farmers with their snug little homesteads, waving fields of grain and wire fences, the little prairie towns beside the railway, with elevators, hotel, blacksmith, general store and post office. The girl's arrival in this world causes considerable excitement and anxiety, as the nearest town, and consequently, doctor, is probably ten or twelve miles away. She is hustled through infancy at express speed, and as soon as can be toddle is taught to turn the washing machine and churn handle. Directly she can sit astride a horse she has her pony, and night and morning rounds up the cattle from the prairie, and does her share of the milking and animal tending.

Inside the house she has multitudinous "chores" to do, which increase with her years, until at the age of six she welcomes school as a rest and change of work. The school-houses are scattered all over the prairies, and the pupils usually have some distance to go. Those on foot have frequent runs for their lives from the remnants of wild cows still remaining, but the generality of youngsters possess ponies, and pile three on a horse, while some have an old buggy and wedge themselves in like sardines in a can. The school house has a big class room and a small cloakroom. A high stove is the most prominent feature, and the walls are decorated with flags and pictures of the Royal Family, showing that loyalty and patriotism are large factors in the young Canadian's character. A comfortable, roomy stable is provided for the ponies, and part of the schoolyard is devoted to a baseball pitch.

However, unless possessed of unusual abilities, the prairie girl's school days are over when she reaches the age of fourteen or thereabouts, and it is with considerable regret that she bids good-bye to the happy irresponsible time, and settles down on the farm to take her place as housekeeper's help and begin a gradual transition from school girl to young lady.

These "prairie flowers," as a friend or the writer so happily termed them, are wonderful, workers, and seem to possess untiring energy. A girl and her mother will often preside over the cooking of a threshing outfit, and unless a person has tried this, they can form no idea of the immense amount of labor it entails.

There are on an average fifteen men to an "outfit" and this means three heavy "meat" meals a day. Bread has to be baked daily without fail, and if the "rig" happens to be moving from one place to another, it is what the cook herself would term "a kind of awkward." The potatoes, peeled for each meal would make an English housekeeper open her eyes.

(To be concluded next week)

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Time may be money, but the average man would rather give you two hours' talk than lend you a quarter.

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## Local News

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Mr. Joseph Sloane is on a trip to Calgary.

Mr. Chas. Brown was elected councillor for his district for the ensuing year.

Mr. Coutts of Alaska was in Cayley Tuesday buying horses for the north country.

Messrs E. S. Elves, A. Durham, G. Garfield and J. Douglas paid High River a business visit yesterday.

Lost—A black fur gauntlet in or around Cayley, on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Finder kindly leave it at, or write to, the Methodist parsonage, Cayley.

The new year is much the same as its predecessors. It throws out a little cold weather and then smiles at us, knowing that after the frown the sunny smile is more appreciated.

The annual meeting of the Cayley Presbyterian Church will be held in the hall Tuesday afternoon, the 17th, at 3 o'clock. All interested in the congregation are asked to be present.

The home of Miss Scragg was the centre of much gaiety and merriment on Tuesday night of this week. Nearly fifty guests were present. All express themselves as having a very enjoyable time.

The publication of the Hustler has been delayed somewhat this week in order to publish the municipal elections returns in this week's issue, but up to time of going to press we have not received the reports.

We print all kinds of Local Improvement Council Stationery which we supply promptly to those who want any. Also School Tax Receipts, Nomination and Tax Receipts, etc. Leave your order with the Hustler at once.

Bible school in the Presbyterian hall Sunday morning at 10.15. The usual services for public worship at 11 and 7.30. All who have no church home in the Cayley district are cordially invited. There is room for about 200 of such.

Christian Scientists are engaged in the very vigorous discussion as to the resurrection of Mrs. Baker Eddy. If some of them get moneymaking to upset her last will and testament, disposing of that little sum of \$2,000,000, she will resurrect herself.

Notwithstanding the sudden cold snaps of the past two weeks in this district the winter wheat of which there is much in this neighborhood, is going through the winter well. The gradual fall of snow, which amounts to quite a depth, has greatly pleased the farmers.

Say boys, putting all jokes aside, don't you think it's pretty cold when Nibs has to have a foot warmer when he goes a.w.? Now there's —, he goes much farther and more often, and don't get home until morning, and he never needs one. Better find out the secret, Nibs.

The Railway Commission have ordered the express companies to lower their rates. This will mean a great deal to the people of Western Canada. The small amount capital required to operate an express company, and the enormous profits realized, opened the eyes of the commission and the general public.

Miss Scragg, who has conducted such a popular boarding house in Cayley for so many years, has decided to have a change. Having disposed of her boarding house business to Mr. and Mrs. Schoob, she will assist her brother in the post office. We wish Miss Scragg and her successors every success in their new ventures.

Now that the Christmas and New Year's seasons are past, the Cayley congregations will come back to normal. The union meetings of last week should make the normal much higher than it has ever been in this community, for they were successful in their highest object, even if the attendance at some of them was not all that was expected.

Interest in the west seems to be far from slackening up. December is usually figured to be the slowest month of the year with regards to seignior and homesteaders, but this winter company was flooded with inquiries last month. During December they received inquiries from 350 different sources from the States, and from various countries in Europe.

The Cayley Choral will be led on Wednesday night by Mrs. Duggan, whose affairs now permit her to come and fulfil all her engagements, both for the afternoon. All who wish to take up sight reading with her are asked to be in the Methodist church at 7 o'clock, and to bring along pencils. This is a chance that most about here have never had, and what won't often come in the life of most who now have the opportunity to study singing at sight. As Mrs. Duggan must leave on the 8.30 train, it is up to the members of the Club to make the hour and a half really profitable. Be on time each night.

Last week being the week set aside for a special season of prayer by the christian churches all over the world, union services were held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in this place. The services were started with a union service, which was held in the Methodist church on Sunday, Jan. 1st. Rev. J. M. Beaton conducting it, and closed by a similar service held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, Jan. 8th. Rev. F. Bushfield preaching. The week night services, which were held in each church every alternate night, were not attended by large crowds, but we believe that much good will result from this union effort to extend the Master's kingdom and to make strong His cause in this town and district.

The Albertan publishes an announcement of its anniversary edition, which will be issued on February 28. In connection with this issue it is giving a series of prizes. For the best story sent in upon an Alberta subject by a bona fide Alberta resident, a prize of \$100 is awarded. For second, the prize is \$50; for third \$25, and five other prizes of \$5 each. Prizes are offered for the best sold medal for first prize, and prizes of \$10 and gold medals for the next three. Prizes are also offered to children under 16 years of age for the best story upon Alberta. The first prize is a gold medal and \$15 in cash. Twelve other medals are also offered. The adult's story is limited to 5,000 words and the children's to 2,000 words. The Albertan is also celebrating its anniversary in the usual manner, by giving a silver medal to every baby born upon its birthday, that is on February 28, 1911, and asks all doctors and others to make reports of the visit of the story on the last day of February.

Nearly two weeks of the new year has gone. How about those resolutions, the diary, cash book, etc.?

Mrs. Herbert A. Tate of Highwood, High River, has had her right eye removed in the Kingston General Hospital, Kingston, Ontario.

During the past week the morning train going north has been from one to two hours late, owing to the late arrival of the trains on the lines, caused by the partial snow blockades on the tracks.

The new provincial asylum will be ready for occupation by April 1st. A suitable date for the opening, but, of course, no one is particularly interested as to when it opens.

T. M. Robertson, in his evidence at the Fisk murder preliminary hearing stuck to his statement that Fisk fired the first shot at Tucker Peach. He says he is ready to pay the penalty of his crime.

It is said that a fifteen roomed hotel will be built at Blackie in the near future, and that work on the same is to be commenced at once. It is the intention of the proprietor to supply meals for the dance on the 13th inst., in a closed-in building.

Farmers who have occasion to draw up contracts, agreements, notes, cheques, etc., should remember that the safest plan is to employ pen and ink for this work. Never use a lead pencil. The law will recognize the lead pencil, but the writing may be erased too easily and the amount or terms may be changed. If pen and ink are not at hand when drawing up such papers use an indelible pencil.

Sunday was ushered in with very mild weather, but at about 9 a.m. a sudden north-east wind sprang up, bringing with it an intensely cold wave, and in a very short time the mercury had dropped to zero, going down to 30 before the next morning. On Tuesday morning it was reported to have gone down to 35 and 40. Coal piles have certainly greatly diminished since last Sunday morning.

Messrs Fagan & Co. sold the quarter section belonging to Mr. Parrot, half mile from Blain, for \$30 an acre. Last year this same land was sold at \$25 an acre. T. F. McCarthy was the purchaser. It all goes to prove that notwithstanding last year's dry season, that instead of land values decreasing, have, on the contrary, been greatly enhanced in value. The land around the Cayley district has also gone up in price, after the splendid results of last season's crops. Land that can produce grain like that without any rain for over twelve months is certainly worth more.

## Hon. Clifford Sifton Sees Danger

Speaking of the proposed reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States, the Hon. Clifford Sifton raises a note of alarm. He says:

If it is true that it is essential in the interests of this Dominion of Canada that we should conserve our resources, and work out carefully, painfully and perhaps slowly the best method of making them available, in order that we can have a strong, virile and well-nourished population, it must be clear that this is not the time to take down the bars and turn the resources over to the United States.

If we enter upon trade relations of an extensive character with the

United States, and if the most favorable anticipations which can be entertained turn out to be well founded, and our friends south of the line use us well and give us nearly everything we ask for, what is the inevitable conclusion?

Must not our trade and business and very life become mixed with theirs, so that we shall become increasingly dependent upon them, with the ultimate end of political union? And if these favorable anticipations are not realized, and they will not treat us well, and want to grab and quibble on the interpretation of any reciprocity treaty, what will that mean?

It will simply mean that ten or fifteen years from now we shall have to begin all over again, just where we are now, and start once again to put ourselves right.

I do not hold with those who are opposed to a trade treaty between Canada and the United States. On the contrary, my view is that the best way of continuing good relations is that each should do its own business independently, and have no entanglements to quarrel about.

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